GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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GROUND WATER EXPLORATION
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal pending with the Government to take up ground water exploration in the hilly areas of Jammu & Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the Government is considering any proposal to deploy more truck mounted drilling rigs in the area which can negotiate hilly roads and go into the interiors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. The Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), under the Ministry of Water Resources, finalizes its Annual Action Plan for ground water exploration in consultation with the concerned State agencies and keeping in view the requirements of exploratory data. During 2007-08, the CGWB has planned ground water exploration in Kandi areas of Jammu and bouldery formations of Kashmir valley in the State of J&K.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The CGWB has originally deployed two truck mounted rigs in Jammu & Kashmir. Two additional truck mounted rigs have also been deployed to negotiate hilly areas of the State and interior parts of Kashmir valley.